

barbiturate and non-benzodiazepine hypnotic compound and melatonin;

Group III: claim 46, drawn to a method of decreasing the dose of a non-barbiturate or non-benzodiazepine hypnotic compound through combination treatment with melatonin; and

Group IV: claim 47, drawn to a method of lessening the risk of the development of tolerance or dependence on a non-barbiturate or non-benzodiazepine hypnotic compound through combination treatment with melatonin.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 29-37, for prosecution on the merits.

The examiner further has requested an election of species. Applicants hereby elect zolpidem (N,N,6-trimethyl-2-(4-

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methylphenyl)-imidazo(1,2-a)pyridine-3-acetamide) as the non-barbiturate and non-benzodiazepine compound.

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